

Louisiana

The Firehouse Jazz Band

J. C. "Jimmy" Johnson - 1927
 (Empty Bed Blues, Take Your Tomorrow, Dusky Stevedore, etc.
 With Waller & Razaf wrote The Joint Is Jumpin' in 1937).
 Lyrics: Andy Razaf & Bob Schafer
 Rec: Paul Whiteman Orch. (with Bix, featuring Rhythm Boys)
 1928, Bix & His Gang 1928, Count Basie Orch. 1940, Pete Kelly's
 Big 7 (Dick Cathcart, Matty Matlock) 1959, Pete Daily, Duke
 Ellington, Toots Mondello, Banu Gibson 1983, etc.

Concert Pitch

Verse:

A Fm D^b7 C⁷ Fm D^b7 C⁷ Fm B^bm Fm

My heart is heav - y, to see the lev - y, the fields of cane and corn.
 I'm like a flow - er, torn from the bow - er, it was-n't wise to roam.

B^bm Fm D^b7 C⁷

I've not for - got - ten my land of cot - ton, down where I was born.
 That's why I'm yearn - ing to be re - turn - ing, to my home sweet home.

B^b7 E^b7

I'm thru knock - in' a - round, Be - cause I'm Dix - ie bound.
 Tho' it's on - ly a shack, I'm glad to get back.

*These are the original 2 verses, 12 bars long.
 Some instrumental versions, like Whiteman's,
 have an extra 4 bars added.